

**REMARKS**

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant amends the Specification to add a reference to parent Application No. 09/713,251, for which benefit of priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; cancels claims 1 – 8 and 17 – 20, without prejudice of disclaimer of their subject matter, to present previously non-elected claims 9 – 16 for prosecution; and amends claims 9 and 13 – 16 solely to correct informalities and not for reasons related to patentability.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue other non-elected inventions from the parent application in subsequent divisional applications.

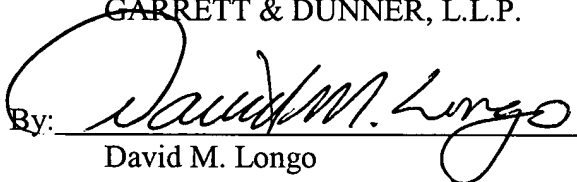
Prompt and favorable examination of this application is earnestly requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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